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PART IV-C

**Statutory Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A and I-L)
made by Statutory Authorities other than the Government of Gujarat
including those made by the Government of India, the High Courts, the
Director of Municipalities, the Commissioner of Police, the Director of
Prohibition and Excise, the District Magistrates and the Election
Commission, Election Tribunals, Returning Officers and other
authorities under the Election Commission.**

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Dated : 15th November, 2022

DIRECTION

No. 576/3/EVM/2022/SDR-Vol.I : Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify;

- Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct;
- Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in all the constituencies for the **General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Gujarat announced vide the Election Commission's Press Note No. ECI/PN/81/2022 dated 3rd November, 2022**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in all the Assembly Constituencies of Gujarat, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49 A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies all the Assembly Constituencies of Gujarat notified on 5th and 10th November, 2022** as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.
5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the constituencies.

By Order

S. B. JOSHI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

